MLA Style Guide



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Examples of in-text citations	
Examples of in-text citations are found on pages 116-128 (Section 3 of Part 2)	
One or two authors	Tannen has argued this point (175-85).
	This point has already been argued (Dorris and Erdrich 23).
Three or more	
authors	Others hold the opposite point of view (Jakobson et al. 210-215).
Work listed by title	A brief or shortened version of the title is used if it is longer than a noun
(no author)	phrase. Begin with the word by which it is alphabetized in the lsit of
	Works Cited – give the first noun and any preceding adjectives, while
	excluding any initial article.
	The Double Vision: Language and Meaning in Religion = Double Vision
	"Traveling in the Breakdown Lane" = "Traveling"
	If the title does not begin with as noun phrase, cite the first word.
	if the thie does not begin with as noun phrase, the the first word.
	And Quiet Flows the Don = And
	Under the Volcano = Under
Corporate authors	Abbreviate terms that are commonly abbreviated, but spell out the words
	in the Works Cited list.
	In 1988 a federal report observed (United States, Dept. of Labor 147).
Indirect sources	Samuel Johnson admitted that Edmund Burke was an "extraordinary
(second-hand quotes)	man" (qtd. in Boswell 450).
Repeated use of	More than once from the same author within a single paragraph with no
sources	other citations in between (Zender 138, 141).
	OR
	If it is unclear which page number (Zender 138) should be matched with
	which page number (141).
Newspaper Articles	Repetitive strain injury, or RSI, is reported to be "the fastest-growing
35 14 1 777 1	occupational hazard of the computer age" (Taylor A1).
Multiple Works	As shown in several studies (Smith 64; Jones 86)
Multivolume Work	The anthology by Lauter and his coeditors contains both Stowe's
(encyclopedias etc.)	"Sojourner Truth, the Libyan Sibyl" (B: 2601-09) and Gilman's "The
	Yellow Wallpaper" (C: 578-90). (volume: page numbers)

Examples of Quotations	
Examples of quotations are found on pages 75-91 (Section 1.3 of Part 2)	
Short quotations	In the late Renaissance, Machiavelli contended that human beings were
	by nature "ungrateful" and "mutable" (1240), and Montaigne thought
	them "miserable and puny" (1343).
	It may be true that "in appreciation of medieval art the attitude of the
	observer is of primary importance" (Robertson 136).
Long quotations	John K. Mahon adds a further insight to our understanding of the War
(more than four lines	of 1812:
long)	Financing the war was very difficult at the time. Baring Brother,
	a banking firm of the enemy country, handled routine accounts
	for the United States overseas, but the firm would take on no
	loans. The loans were in the end absorbed by wealthy
	Americans at great hazard—also, as it turned out, at great profit
	to them. (385)

Examples of References	
Examples used in the list of works cited are found on pages 102-116 (Section 2 of Part 2).	
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Corporate author as	National Research Council. Beyond Six Billion: Forecasting the
publisher	World's Population. National Academy, 2000.
	If the author and the publisher are the same, skip the author and start
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	Quintilian. Institutio Oratoria. Translated by H. E. Butler, vol. 2, Loeb-
	Harvard UP, 1980.
	More than one volume of a multivolume work, cite the total number of volumes:
	Quintilian. Institutio Oratoria. Translated by H. E. Butler, Loeb-
	Harvard UP, 1980. 4 vols
	If the volume you are using has its own title, cite the book without referring to the other volumes.
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